THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.(b) Following pay scales have been granted to the Accounts staff of Railways as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

(i)	Accounts Clerk	Rs. 3050-4590 (pre-revised Rs.950-1500)
(ii)	Junior Accounts Assistant	Rs.4000-6000; (pre-revised Rs. 1200-2040)
(iii)	Accounts Assistant/Stock Verifier	Rs.5000-8000 (pre-revised Rs. 1400- 2600)
(iv)	Section Officer (Accounts)/ Sr. StockVerifier	Rs. 5500-9000 (pre-revised Rs. 1640-2900)
(v)	Senior Section Officer (Accounts)	Rs. 6500-10500 (pre-revised Rs.2000- 3200)

New trains on Vizag-Mumbai and Vizag-Bangalore routes

3539. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of public demand, Government propose to introduce new trains on Vizag-Mumbai and Vizag-Bangalore routes; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Frequency of 8563/8564 Visakhapatnam-Bangalore Express has been increased from 4 days a week to daily with effect from 02.07.2000. However, at present there is no proposal to introduce new trains on the Visakhapatnam-Mumbai and Visakhapatnam-Bangalore sectors.

Danapur-Howrah passenger train

† 3540. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Danapur-Howrah fast passenger train is not being run from Danapur since last one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.